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In re Patent Application of:
Shane J. Trapp

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For: METHOD AND COMPOSITION FOR
PLASMA ETCHING OF A SELF-ALIGNED
CONTACT OPENING

FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S.
patent application as follows:

In the Specification

On page 2, before "Field of the Invention," please insert – This application is a
divisional of application Serial No. 09/752,685, filed on January 3, 2001, which is
incorporated herein by reference.--

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-25 and claims 36-70.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The specification has been amended to include a reference to prior application Serial No. 09/752,685, filed on January 3, 2001, as required by 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2).

Claims 1-25 and 36-70 have been canceled. The pending application now contains claims 26-35.

Allowance of the application is solicited.

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